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SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF NORTH-EAST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) to launch a campaign to highlight the socio-economic, political and strategic importance of North-East in the overall development of the country; and

(b) if so, the objectives and present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) In the perspective of the over-all policy of the Government of India to uplift the North-East Region, the Govt. had advised all its affiliated bodies including the ICSSR to earmark 10% of its developmental budget for the North-East. The ICSSR has one research institute at Guwahati and one Regional Centre at Shillong.

(b) ICSSR's objectives are to promote social science research in the North-East by way of granting research projects, fellowships and by supporting seminars/conferences including training programmes etc. During 2000-2001, 10 fellowships have been granted and one research project has been supported over and above one training programme and six international travel grants sanctioned to scholars working in the region.